

REMARKS

This agent has attempted to make amendments based on his best understanding of the subject matter on file.

Applicant has amended the specification in its entirety. In doing so, editorial amendments have been made. Applicant believes to the best of his recollection that the amendments are all supported by the specification as filed and by the drawings as originally filed and as amended Feb 10, 2003.

Several figures believed to have been submitted as part of the Feb. 10, 2003 response have been deleted. The features in the subject drawing do not appear to have been included in the application as originally filed. While it is believed they were included in the Feb. 10, 2003 drawings, it appears that support from the original application as filed is tenuous if at all.

- (1) A figure illustrating a "Ladder Hook" "DRWG#7" on a ladder has been cancelled, and
- (2) A figure of a "Framers Bracket" "DRWG#6" and having a "Y" configuration has been cancelled.

It is believed that the application's description of a bracket for installation on a vertical member is broad enough to include the leg of a ladder and there is no need to risk introduction of same in an additional drawing.

The specification, as filed, discloses the following descriptive terminology:

<u>Term:</u>	<u>Context from the text and drawings</u>
tool / stud clip	the device; a support bracket
vertical building member	stud, vertical member or scaffold leg
side body	base member
front wall	leg, transverse member
back wall	leg, transverse member
front side tab	tab
back side tab	tab
anchor teeth	anchor teeth
hook / hook extension	hook member
"U" shaped extension	mounting extension
dispensing rollers / set of rollers	plurality of rollers
arm extension	support plate
reel hooks	an embodiment of the invention
coil rollers	an embodiment of the invention
scaffold brackets	an alternate embodiment of the invention
work bench	an alternate embodiment of the invention

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The specification, as replaced, uses the following terminology and Applicant has provided aids in supporting its inclusion which Applicant contends has been accomplished without the introduction of new matter:

Term:	Support	As filed Drawings
support bracket	dictionary, "stud clip" desc	All
vertical member	expansion from "vertical building member" desc	All
base member	"side body" desc	All
legs	expansion from "front wall", "back wall", "side tab" desc	All
transverse member	"front wall" desc	All
tabs	"back wall" desc	All
anchor means	expansion from "anchor teeth" desc	Reel Hook Drawing 3, Coil Roller Drawing 1
support means	expansion from "hook", "U" shaped extension, "dispensing rollers" desc	All
recess	dictionary	All, Reel Hook Drawing 1 refs "Clearance reg'd to attach to Stud or Vert. Post"
opening	dictionary	All, Reel Hook Drawing 1 refs "Clearance reg'd to attach to Stud or Vert. Post"
contact edges	"front wall", "back wall" desc	All
hook member	"hook", "hook extension" desc	Reel Hook Drawings 1 to 3
axle	dictionary	Coil Roller Drawings 2 and 3
rollers	"dispensing roller", "set of rollers" desc	Coil Roller Drawings 2 and 3
support plate	"arm extension" desc	Scaffold Bracket 01

Drawing changes are attached hereto and include new lead lines and reference numerals.

Replacement Informal drawings Figs. 1 – 9 are enclosed.

35 USC 112

The Examiner has rejected the 9 claims as being indefinite under s.112. Nine new claims, numbered as claims 10 – 18 have been provided. Applicant submits that the new claims more distinctly specify the invention.

35 USC 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected the 9 claims under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sink (US Patent 6,293,058).

Applicant has provided new independent claim 10 and dependent claims 11-18. The new independent claim better distinguishes the present invention and Applicant believes that the rejection is traversed.

Briefly, and relying on the specification and drawings as filed and as best understood by this Agent and by Applicant, and as now claimed, one can see that Applicant discloses a support bracket comprising a base member and support means extending therefrom for supporting the object and a pair of legs protruding from the same side of the base member adapted for gripping the vertical member in a supporting position. The legs are spaced on the base member to define an opening therebetween for receiving the vertical member in an installation position, the opening being disabled in the supporting position wherein the legs engage the vertical member and support the bracket therefrom.

Turning to Sink, this patent discloses a system of multiple brackets and rods, specifically a bracket support system comprising an upper bracket, a lower bracket, a connection rod extending from the lower bracket, a support holder connect to the connection rod and a back support extending from the support holder to the upper bracket.

Although the upper and lower brackets in Sink receive a building stud, these brackets are simple U-shaped devices which attach or install onto a building stud by means of screws threaded through the bracket and tightened against the stud. Note that Sink provides no means of attachment of the brackets to the stud other than through tightening of the screws. The screws are critical to the operation of Sink, else the bracket will not be supported from the stud.

To be complete, the other cited references not relied on by the Examiner include

- Bankson does not disclose a bracket for installation or attachment to a vertical member. Bankson discloses a device for supporting objects from a horizontal member, such as overlapping siding boards;
- Schlegel does not disclose a bracket for supporting objects from a vertical member, but rather from a horizontal or sloped member, such as ceiling joists. Although there are projections in Schlegel which mount against a ceiling joist, these projects are simple L-shaped devices which attach onto the joist by means of screws threaded through apertures, in the projections, and into a joist, or by means of a C-clamp; and

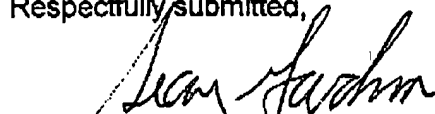
- Johnson does not disclose a bracket nor a device for supporting any type of object, but instead teaches an interval locator.

Thus, none of the cited prior art alone or in combination teaches all the elements of Applicant's Invention as now claimed in new Claim 10. Claim 10 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 11 – 18 depend from claim 10 and thus should also be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of new claims 10-18 now on file, and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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